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(Case No. 97,008-W)

In re Application of:

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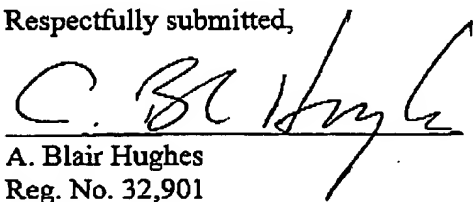
In regard to the above identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
  - a. Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment
  - b. Corrected "Amendment to the Claims" Section of the Reply to the March 1, 2005 Official Action (Pages 2-5)
2. With respect to fees:
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This is a response to the June 7, 2005 Notice Of Non-Complaint Amendment for the above-caption patent application. In the Notice, the Examiner indicated that the Amendment filed on May 27, 2005 for this case was non-compliant because a complete listing of all claims was not present and each claim was not provided with the proper status identifier.

Attached to this Response is the corrected "Amendments to the Claims" section which replaces Pages 2-4 of the Reply to the March 1, 2005 Official Action. The corrected pages include a list of all application claims 1-99.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this amendment, he or she is welcome to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 913-2123.

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